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In re Patent Application of:
Anton Krallmann et al.

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For: TUBULAR SAUSAGE CASING WITH A
YARN TIE HAVING A METAL INSERT
AND A PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION
THEREOF

Examiner: A. L. Corbin

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

A copy of the references listed on attached form PTO/SB/08 is attached. A summary of this non-English language prior art reference, DE 200 01 581 U1, can be found in the specification of the present U.S. application as originally filed on page 2, lines 8 to 12. It is noted that there was an obvious typographical error with the reference DE 200 01 581 was inadvertently typed DE 200 01 582.

Mr. Gerhard Effenberger, Description regarding artificial sausage casing, 2nd Edition, pages 54 and 55, 1991 can be at page 1, lines 16-18 of the specification.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 15551-00001-US.

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